

Open Space Sub-Element

Goals, Policies and Action Statements

Management of Open Space

Goal 2.2A Manage a comprehensive open space program that is responsive to public need, delivers high quality customer service and exemplifies the City's commitment to leadership in environmental affairs.

Policy 2.2A.1 Encourage active citizen involvement in the development and management of open space.

Action Statements

2.2A.1a Provide opportunities for public participation in planning the development and management of open space.

2.2A.1b Conduct a comprehensive assessment of needs for open space and recreation facilities and services at least every five years concurrent with updating of the Open Space Sub-Element.

2.2A.1c Provide a mechanism that receives and responds to public comments on the design, effectiveness and condition of sites and facilities.

2.2A.1d Investigate and pursue avenues for citizen involvement in the implementation of open space programs, such as landscape plantings and park beautification activities.

Policy 2.2A.2 Provide consistently high quality customer service through attractive open space, parks and facilities, which invite and facilitate public use.

Action Statements

2.2A.2a Support implementation of the City's customer service philosophy through staff training and other supervisory policies and practices.

2.2A.2b Develop, redevelop, modify or enhance sites and facilities based upon the findings of periodic needs assessments.

2.2A.2c Encourage responsible use of the open space system through positive public relations and communication.

2.2A.2d Develop, redevelop or modify park sites, amenities, fixtures or furniture for access by mobility-impaired and physically limited persons.

Policy 2.2A.3 Provide a comprehensive program of consistent and effective operations and maintenance for all open space and park sites and facilities.

Action Statements

2.2A.3a Update and utilize a comprehensive program for site and facility maintenance that will provide safe, clean, attractive and functional open space and park sites and facilities.

2.2A.3b Adopt and follow a comprehensive program of infrastructure replacement and upgrading as a part of the annual parks and facilities maintenance and capital budgets.

Policy 2.2A.4 Implement innovative policies and practices that support the City's leadership in environmental affairs.

Action Statements

2.2A.4a Continue and expand the current water conservation program and investigate feasibility of utilizing reclaimed wastewater for irrigation and water features throughout the open space system.

2.2A.4b Develop and implement a system-wide program of energy conservation in maintenance and operational activities for all sites and facilities.

2.2A.4c Develop and implement public recycling programs as feasible at sites throughout the open space system.

2.2A.4d Investigate and implement techniques, which minimize use of chemicals in maintaining turf and landscape materials.

Fiscal Framework

Goal 2.2B Acquire and develop open space identified as high priority through land dedication or purchase.

Policy 2.2B.1 Require the dedication of land by developers when the property to be developed is adjacent to an existing open space, park site or area otherwise identified as a high priority for open space uses.

Action Statement

2.2B.1a Coordinate efforts with the Community Development department to notify developers of high priority open space sites.

Policy 2.2B.2 Pursue the acquisition of federal lands currently located at Moffett Naval Air Station.

Action Statements

2.2B.2a Secure title to the 35-acre parcel currently leased from the Navy, which is part of the Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course.

2.2B.2b Investigate the feasibility of acquiring and operating the Moffett Field Golf Course.

Policy 2.2B.3 Maintain the Open Space Reserve at a level sufficient to meet identified land acquisition goals.

Action Statements

2.2B.3a Review and evaluate open space and land acquisition/development opportunities on an ongoing basis.

2.2B.3b Identify level of fiscal resources necessary to acquire land for future development or redevelopment as open space.

Policy 2.2B.4 Identify revenue sources and increase revenues, where possible, which can be allocated to parks and open space operating budgets and capital improvements.

Action Statements

2.2B.4a Participate in the review of all development and redevelopment projects, which may result in park dedication fees that will be applied to the Capital Improvement program for jointly developed and operated projects.

2.2B.4b Encourage contributions, grants and loans for open space acquisition and development through the community and other foundations, civic organizations and individuals.

2.2B.4c Continue to monitor all governmental agencies for potential open space grants and prepare applications as appropriate.

Parks and Special Use Facilities

Goal 2.2C Maintain a system of parks that assures all residents, workers and visitors access to recreation opportunities by providing Neighborhood Parks, Athletic/Play Fields and Special Use Facilities.

Policy 2.2C.1 Provide, develop and maintain Neighborhood Parks.

Action Statements

2.2C.1a Evaluate conditions of each site on an annual basis.

2.2C.1b Update base maps and inventory of facilities and equipment of all sites subsequent to any development, redevelopment or other improvements.

2.2C.1c Complete development of new park sites concurrent with the surrounding residential development as appropriate.

2.2C.1d Coordinate the siting and design of each park with the City's Planning Division and Public Works Department to ensure effective integration of the park site into the urban structure and utility networks.

2.2C.1e Consider acquisition or lease of sites to assure that accessible open space is maintained in each existing neighborhood and provided to any new neighborhoods.

Policy 2C.2 Provide, develop and maintain Athletic/Play Fields.

Action Statements

2.2C.2a Evaluate conditions of each site on an annual basis.

2.2C.2b Update base maps and inventory of facilities and equipment of all sites subsequent to any development, redevelopment or other improvements.

2.2C.2c Jointly develop or redevelop athletic/play field sites with the appropriate School District per established agreements.

Policy 2C.3 Investigate development of a system of multi-purpose trails for recreational uses.

Action Statements

- 2.2C.3a Research and assess the feasibility of developing a system of off-street pedestrian and bicycle trails utilizing flood channels, utility rights-of-way and other linear parcels.
- 2.2C.3b Explore additional opportunities to develop or enhance the area along the Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct as a pedestrian/bicycle trail.
- 2.2C.3c Explore the joint use of Santa Clara Valley Water District owned land for trail purposes.
- 2.2C.3d Participate in planning and development of the Regional San Francisco Bay Trail to assure access from Baylands Park.

Policy 2.2C.4 Provide, develop and maintain Special Use Parks and Facilities.

Action Statements

- 2.2C.4a Evaluate conditions of each site on an annual basis.
- 2.2C.4b Update base maps and inventory of facilities and equipment of all sites subsequent to any development, redevelopment or other improvements.
- 2.2C.4c Provide for a balance between general recreation uses and special interest uses in parks and facilities.
- 2.2C.4d Explore development of a major athletic complex at the former Sunnyvale High School site if property is declared surplus by Fremont Union High School District.
- 2.2C.4e Consider the designation, development and management of an Orchard Heritage Park at the Community Center site consistent with an overall plan and in cooperation with the Sunnyvale Historical Society.

School District Support and Cooperation

Goal 2.2D Cooperate with and support the four School Districts which serve Sunnyvale in order to continue access to school sites and facilities by people who live, work

or visit in Sunnyvale for suitable, safe and consistent recreational use and enjoyment.

- Policy 2.2D.1 Participate in joint planning by the City and the School Districts for preservation, development or upgrading of open space and recreational facilities for continued community use of school open space sites.

Action Statements

- 2.2D.1a Continue close cooperation with the School Districts for joint planning, design and development of open space and recreational facilities on school sites for community use.
- 2.2D.1b Update base maps and inventory of facilities and equipment of all sites subsequent to any development, redevelopment or other improvements.

- Policy 2D.2 Encourage the School Districts to retain school sites used for community open space and recreation programs. When financially feasible, consider acquisition or joint use of sites and suitable facilities that are declared surplus if they are needed to maintain neighborhood open space accessibility.

Action Statements

- 2.2D.2a Maintain long-term contractual agreements with the School Districts for operation, maintenance and use of designated sites.
- 2.2D.2b Assist School Districts, where appropriate, to find buyers or tenants compatible with continued community open space and recreation uses at closed school sites.
- 2.2D.2c Consider acquisition or lease of a portion of the former Sunnyvale High School site for development of a major athletic complex.
- 2.2D.2d Consider the acquisition or lease of open space and related facilities at Braly and Ponderosa Elementary Schools if the sites are declared surplus by the Santa Clara School District.

Intergovernmental Coordination and Cooperation

- Goal 2.2E Encourage and cooperate with other governmental agencies to preserve and protect regional open space and to acquire, develop, maintain and operate regional recreation facilities that are available to people who live, work or visit in Sunnyvale.

- Policy 2.2E.1 Support and encourage Santa Clara County, the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District, State of California and appropriate federal agencies and established private entities to acquire, develop, maintain and operate existing and new open space and recreational sites and facilities within the urbanized area in and around Sunnyvale.

Action Statements

- 2.2E.1a Complete joint development of Sunnyvale Baylands Park with Santa Clara County and operate and maintain the site and facilities.
- 2.2E.1b Support other agencies in the development of regional pedestrian/bicycle trails and specifically, the Regional San Francisco Bay Trail coordinated by the Association of Bay Area Governments.
- 2.2E.1c Support legislation that will provide additional funding for local, county and regional park acquisition, development and maintenance.
- 2.2E.1d Pursue a cooperative effort with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the management and interpretation of the seasonal wetlands at Sunnyvale Baylands Park.
- 2.2E.1e Support additional regional open space acquisition by the County of Santa Clara and the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District.
- 2.2E.1f Support the formation of a County Open Space District.
- Policy 2.2E.2 Cooperate with other public or private agencies on the planning and development of open space sites and facilities located adjacent to City boundaries.

Action Statements

- 2.2E.2a Work closely and cooperatively with neighboring cities and other public or private agencies to plan and develop park sites and facilities located near City boundaries in order to eliminate duplication, reduce over/under use and assure access for people who live, work or visit in Sunnyvale.

Industry, Private and Commercial Coordination and Cooperation

- Goal 2F Encourage efforts by industrial and commercial enterprises in the City to preserve, develop, operate and maintain open space and recreational facilities that are available to people who live, work or visit in Sunnyvale.

Policy 2.2F.1 Encourage development of private or commercial facilities that will retain or create open space areas or expand recreational opportunities for the general public.

Action Statement

2.2F.1a Encourage development proposals for private membership or commercial recreational uses that will reserve or maintain open space to benefit and serve the recreational needs of people who live, work or visit in Sunnyvale.

Housing and Community Revitalization Sub-Element

Goals, Policies and Action Statements

Supply

Goal 2.3A Foster the expansion of the housing supply to provide greater opportunities for current and future residents, given environmental, social, fiscal and land use constraints.

Policy 2.3A.1 Continue to improve, if feasible, the existing jobs to housing ratio.

Action Statements

2.3A.1a The City will review its General Plan to facilitate the creation of additional housing units and in doing such review, address the need to balance single-family versus apartment and townhouse development.

2.3A.1b The City will review the capacity of the infrastructure to accommodate any increase in housing intensity.

2.3A.1c The City shall periodically review and compare its job growth potential to its housing growth.

2.3A.1d The City should periodically survey surrounding communities to review the various ways those communities are resolving their jobs and housing imbalance.

2.3A.1e The City should consider allowing and encouraging residential densities higher than 45 units per acre, in certain areas of the City, where appropriate.

2.3A.1f The City shall develop standards for lot sizes under 6,000 square feet and residential zones providing for single-family like detached or attached housing, in order to encourage affordable owner-occupied lots.

2.3A.1g The City should continue efforts to balance the need for additional housing with other community values, such as preserving the character of established neighborhoods, high quality design and promoting a sense of identity in each neighborhood.

2.3A.1h The City should implement its Function and Appearance Sub-Element to address design issues related to density, such as the relationship of lot size and shape to the permitted number of units.

2.3A.1i The City should promote the concept of open space and landscaping in the use and allowances of density and buildings, to preserve the quality of the City neighborhoods.

Policy 2.3A.2 Continue to require office and industrial development above a certain intensity to mitigate the demand for housing or provide additional housing.

Action Statement

2.3A.2a The City shall require industrial and commercial developments that exceed established floor area ratios to contribute towards the housing fund or take other measures to mitigate the effects of the job increase upon the housing supply.

Policy 2.3A.3 Continue to permit and encourage a residential mix with jobs-producing land uses, as long as there is neighborhood compatibility and no environmental constraints are apparent.

Action Statements

2.3A.3a The City should study ways to encourage mixed uses.

2.3A.3b The City should study the possibility of increasing the density of residential areas.

Policy 2.3A.4 Encourage innovative types of housing in existing residential zoning districts.

Action Statements

2.3A.4a The City shall require all new developments to build at least 75% of permitted densities.

2.3A.4b The City shall continue the Accessory Unit Ordinance as a means to increase supply of affordable units.

2.3A.4c The City will encourage residential care facilities that are distributed throughout the community.

2.3A.4d The City should evaluate residential development proposals in view of the needs of families requiring three or more bedrooms

2.3A.4e The City shall review the appropriateness of the "O" (Office) overlay as it relates to residential zoning districts.

Policy 2.3A.5 Continue to provide timely and efficient processing for all developments.

Action Statement

2.3A.5a The City shall continue to monitor its processing steps and time for development proposals.

Neighborhood Conditions

Goal 2.3B Ensure a high quality living and working environment.

Policy 2.3B.1 Continue to encourage property owners to maintain existing developments in a manner, which enhances the City. Properties should be aesthetically pleasing, free from nuisances and safe from hazards.

Action Statements

2.3B.1a The City should continue to offer technical assistance to homeowners to aid them in maintaining, upgrading and improving their property. Such assistance shall be provided by staff and a free manual on maintenance and improvement.

2.3B.1b The City should continue to evaluate its outreach efforts for rehabilitation and conservation programs. Current outreach efforts involve utility stuffers, advertising, staff visits with community groups and free pamphlets describing the programs.

2.3B.1c The City shall continue a high quality of maintenance for public streets, rights-of-way and recreational areas.

2.3B.1d The City will continue to participate in programs, which increase home ownership opportunities, such as the Mortgage Credit Certificate and Below Market Rate Programs, if funding is available.

2.3B.1e The City shall encourage the review of and implement concepts found in the Function and Appearance Sub-Element.

Policy 2.3B.2 Continue to implement the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Action Statements

- 2.3B.2a The City should review existing codes, ordinances and use permit conditions with the possibility of increasing enforcement or developing new codes where neighborhood and community preservation issues are involved. The emphasis, however, will be on promoting voluntary compliance.
- 2.3B.2b For residential planning areas and defined neighborhoods having 10% of the structures rated below an "A" (sound) rating or areas with a majority of its structures over 30 years old, the City shall, if staff is available, continue its concentrated rehabilitation and code compliance program by identifying target areas, involving a strong community participation component and using both its code enforcement powers and its rehabilitation resources.
- 2.3B.2c The City shall coordinate the Neighborhood Preservation Program with other programs, in order to avoid duplication of activity and maximize efficiency.
- 2.3B.2d The City should continue its Home Business Ordinance, which permits businesses that do not affect the primary residential character of the neighborhood and that do not involve retail sales, large inventories, hazardous materials or traffic problems. Such businesses may not be operated in the yard or garage.
- 2.3B.2e The City should study the impacts of the aging of its housing in order to plan for services needed.
- 2.3B.2f The City should continue to develop and implement a citizen-oriented, pro-active education program regarding neighborhood preservation.

Policy 2.3B.3 Continue to participate in the Community Development Block Grant and other rehabilitation programs.

Action Statement

- 2.3B.3a The City should continue involvement with the rehabilitation programs. The rehabilitation programs includes CDBG loans for single family homes, including mobile homes and CDBG paint grants. Rental rehabilitation occurs through a local program with federal and non-federal funds.

Policy 2.3B.4 Ensure that new development and rehabilitation efforts promote quality design and harmonize with existing neighborhood surroundings.

Action Statements

- 2.3B.4a The City should continue architectural and site review of private and public development to ensure that the design is sensitive to and compatible with existing neighborhood surroundings.
- 2.3B.4b The City should study and propose design solutions to mitigate the effects of a combination of uses or a combination of uses of different intensities.
- 2.3B.4c Review and implement the concepts found in the Function & Appearance Sub-Element.

Policy 2.3B.5 Displacement impacts on tenants as a result of revitalization or land use changes should be considered in the application approval process and minimized where possible.

Action Statement

2.3B.5a A land use change or revitalization program which displaces tenants shall, as a part of the City's application approval process, include a plan stating efforts taken by the property owner to assist relocation of tenants. These could include: (1) favorable rental or purchase arrangements after work is completed, (2) location of vacancies in similar housing, (3) fixed payments of moving costs, (4) no rent increases upon application and until relocation is secured, (5) right of first purchase refusal and (6) reduced purchase price options.

Policy 2.3B.6 Continue the City's energy program to promote environmentally sound energy programs, such as solar hot water heating.

Action Statements

2.3B.6a The City will review and incorporate environmentally sound programs into the implementation of the Housing and Community Revitalization Sub-Element.

2.3B.6b Continue to use State weatherization grants for mobile homes, if funding is available.

Affordability

Goal 2.3C Promote and maintain a diversity in tenure, type, size, location and cost-of-housing to permit a range of individual choice for all current residents and those expected to become City residents as a result of normal growth processes and employment opportunities.

Policy 2.3C.1 Attempt to maintain as many as possible of the existing rental units affordable to lower income families and seniors.

Action Statements

2.3C.1a The City will continue to support private participation in rental subsidy programs, such as the Section 8 existing program. The City will continue to encourage greater participation by local property owners such as publicizing and providing information to owners, contacting apartment owners, sending letters and working with organizations that promote such participation.

- 2.3C.1b The City should continue to identify, encourage and publicize private activities and programs, which will create affordable housing opportunities, including rental but especially in owner-occupied, single-family developments. The City currently works with non-profit community groups to create affordable housing. Information on the availability of facilities for the handicapped is provided by the City to hospitals and rehabilitation centers.
- 2.3C.1c The City should continue to participate in HUD's Housing Assistance Programs through the Housing Authority to ensure maximum benefit to Sunnyvale residents, if funding is available. Every year the City should review the availability of new programs if staff time permits.
- 2.3C.1d The City should encourage and assist non-profit housing organizations and the Housing Authority to develop 100 new low and very low income rental units within the City over the next five years, by identifying sites and potential surplus sites through the use of housing mitigation fees, which are provided by office/industrial developers who exceed a specified floor area ratio.

Policy 2.3C.2 Continue to require a mix in the price of housing units in new subdivisions and apartment complexes as a way of distributing low and moderate cost throughout the City.

Action Statements

- 2.3C.2a The City should continue its inclusionary zoning ordinance which implements the Below Market Rate policies for new construction and which offers assistance to buyers and renters of 10% of all new units constructed, except those units in R-O and R-1 zones.
- 2.3C.2b Continue the resale controls element of the Below Market Rate Program.
- 2.3C.2c Study the concept of allowing an in-lieu payment option for the Below Market Rate program. Accumulated funds would be used to supplement existing housing programs or expand into new program areas.

Policy 2.3C.3 Continue to use local, state and federal financing programs which help reduce the costs of construction or costs to the resident, in order to make housing affordable to low and middle income families, seniors and people with disabilities.

Action Statements

- 2.3C.3a The City should consider direct City and public financial involvement in housing programs, including City bonding resources and possible submission of an Article 34 election to voters if needed.
- 2.3C.3b The City should continue to pursue financial and planning resources available to write down the cost of land in order to assist developers of below market rate housing by reviewing available programs and by participation in a density bonus program which provides density bonuses to developers of affordable

housing.

- 2.3C.3c The City should review the feasibility of encouraging limited equity cooperatives as a source of lower income ownership housing.
- 2.3C.3d The City shall continue its Community Development Block Grant Program to assist private agencies in locating affordable housing for families and seniors, if funding is available.
- 2.3C.3e Study the 1986 Tax Act to report on the opportunities for private investment in affordable housing suitable for the Sunnyvale area.
- 2.3C.3f Participate with the County to encourage the use of Mortgage Revenue Bonds, if available, to develop 70 moderate income owner occupied units and 70 very low and low income rental units within the City over the next 5 years.
- 2.3C.3g Study the future uses of the tax increment revenues from the Redevelopment Agency that are to be used for low and moderate income housing, if such revenues become available.

Policy 2.3C.4 Continue to provide assistance to homeless people.

Action Statements

- 2.3C.4a Evaluate the existing statistics on homeless people to ascertain the extent of the problem within the City.
- 2.3C.4b Analyze the potential role the City should assume in providing housing for homeless people, if existing organizations are unable to meet this need.
- 2.3C.4c Consider developing alternative City-based and City-funded programs to accommodate the City's fluctuating homeless population. Continue to support existing organizations, which shelter homeless people.
- 2.3C.4d Study the feasibility of cooperating with private and non-profit organizations to provide additional assistance to homeless people in the City.

Policy 2.3C.5 Continue to promote a working relationship with residential developers and realtors to help implement housing policies.

Action Statement

- 2.3C.5a The City should provide information about General Plan policies (including those in the Function and Appearance Sub-Element), development regulations, approval procedures and financing programs.

Accessibility – Fair Housing Practices

Goal 2.3D Promote a community in which all people regardless of their ethnicity, race, religion, marital status, handicap, sex or age will have an equal opportunity to avail themselves of housing.

Policy 2.3D.1 Continue to support efforts of organizations which work toward eliminating unlawful discrimination in Sunnyvale.

Action Statements

2.3D.1a The City shall continue its Age Discrimination Ordinance to discourage age discrimination.

2.3D.1b The City should prepare an annual review of the Age Discrimination Ordinance based on the reports provided by the non-profit agency, which monitors discrimination for Sunnyvale.

2.3D.1c The City should continue to provide assistance to a local non-profit organization that provides services to those experiencing discrimination.

2.3D.1d The City should review existing lending practices such as redlining to determine the extent to which these practices may inhibit the City achieving its General Plan goals and policies related toward housing development and to allow for greater leverage and on-going income streams for housing programs.

Policy 2.3D.2 Continue to ensure that handicapped persons have access to newly constructed residential developments when required by code and encourage similar access in renovated structures.

Action Statements

2.3D.2a The City should consider exploring the feasibility of providing greater handicapped access through the development review process (as a supplement to minimum State requirements).

2.3D.2b The City should encourage handicapped access during renovations, when appropriate, and continue its home access program if funds remain available.

Policy 2.3D.3 Continue to promote good tenant/landlord relations.

Action Statements

- 2.3D.3a The City should have information available to tenants concerning their rights and responsibilities.
- 2.3D.3b The City should have available information to landlords concerning their rights and responsibilities of owning rental property.
- 2.3D.3c The City should continue to support and to refer landlord/tenant problems to a non-profit agency that provides rental information and mediation services on a voluntary basis to Sunnyvale residents, if funding is available.

Condominium and Mobile Home Park Conversions

- Goal 2.3E Provide a mixture of owner and rental housing opportunities by allowing conversion from apartment to condominiums or cooperatives when a benefit to the overall City housing need can be shown. Provide an equitable process with reasonable mitigation measures in the event of conversion of mobile home parks to a different use.
- Policy 2.3E.1 Continue to allow condominium and cooperative conversions only when the Citywide vacancy rate for rental units warrants such conversions.
 - 2.3E.1a The City shall continue its Condominium Conversion Ordinance, which provides a system for evaluating condominium and cooperative conversion proposals.
 - 2.3E.1b The City will continue to conduct a survey of apartments to determine the vacancy rate every six months.
- Policy 2.3E.2 Ensure that all condominium conversions meet on-site standards.
- Policy 2.3E.3 Continue to provide for tenant protection prior to condominium conversion.

Action Statement

- 2.3E.3a The City's Condominium Conversion Ordinance should provide a mechanism to ensure that efforts were not made to create vacancies immediately prior to the conversion application.

- Policy 2.3E.4 Continue to provide ownership opportunities to those living in apartment complexes at the time of application.
- Policy 2.3E.5 Continue to provide for low and moderate inclusionary units at the complex, under the Below Market Rate Program, in the event a condominium conversions occurs.
- Policy 2.3E.6 Continue to regulate the conversion of mobile home parks in the event of a change of use.

Action Statement

- 2.3E.6a The City shall continue its Mobile Home Park Conversion Ordinance.

Intergovernmental Coordination

- Goal 2.3F Assume an active role in reviewing and formulating federal, state, regional and countywide housing programs to ensure compatibility with local policies and needs.
- Policy 2.3F.1 Continue to provide comments concerning state and regional housing plans, which affect Sunnyvale.
- Policy 2.3F.2 Consider supporting housing legislation at the county, state and federal levels, which will promote the goals and policies of the Housing and Community Revitalization Sub-Element.

Action Statements

- 2.3F.2a Support the elimination of state-by state volume caps imposed on mortgage revenue bond issues by the 1986 federal Tax Reform Act, with regard to all housing projects.
- 2.3F.2b Oppose Census cuts that eliminate housing data needed for planning purposes.
- 2.3F.2c Support federal legislation to find ways to maintain the supply of housing threatened by the expiration of federal housing subsidy contracts.
- 2.3F.2d Support legislation, which exempts from the school impact fee all publicly-subsidized housing including low and moderate income housing for senior

citizens.

Policy 2.3F.3 Continue an active dialogue with neighboring cities, Santa Clara County and ABAG regarding mutual concerns.

Action Statement

2.3F.3a Continue participation in the Golden Triangle Task Force.

Seismic Safety Sub-Element

Goals, Policies and Action Statements

Goal 2.4A Ensure that natural and human-caused hazards are recognized and considered in decisions affecting the community and that land uses reflect acceptable levels of risk based on identified hazards and occupancy.

Policy 2.4A.1 Land Use: Evaluate and consider existing seismic potential hazards in developing land use policies. Make land use decisions based on an awareness of the hazards and potential hazards for the specific parcel of land.

Action Statements

2.4A.1a Encourage coordination of planning decisions, concerns and information sharing among the neighboring cities, affected agencies and interested citizen groups.

2.4A.1b Retain existing residential sprinkler and fire resistive roofing requirements.

2.4A.1c Encourage and cooperate with seismic and geologic investigations in the Sunnyvale planning area by such scientific agencies as the U.S. Geological Survey and the California Division of Mines and Geology.

2.4A.1d Maintain the current United States Geological Service maps of all known seismic and geologic hazards located in the City.

2.4A.1e Require geotechnical reports for new developments and redevelopments north of Highway 237.

Policy 2.4A.2 Flood Hazards: Take measures to protect life and property from the effects of a 1% (100-year) flood.

Action Statements

2.4A.2a Encourage the Santa Clara Valley Water District to reevaluate the capacity of Stevens Creek, Calabazas Creek, Sunnyvale East, West and El Camino Flood Control Channels in relation to a 1% (100 year) flood.

2.4A.2b Encourage and monitor the work of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in maintaining all creeks and channels in Sunnyvale free of flow inhibiting vegetation, debris and silt.

- 2.4A.2c Encourage Santa Clara Valley Water District to maintain their dikes and levees at least 3 feet above the 1% flood level and to provide continued inspection and repair from damage caused by burrowing animals.
- 2.4A.2d Maintain the flood plain management practices as outlined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers.
- 2.4A.2e Participate in the National flood Insurance Program.

Policy 2.4A.3 Hazardous Materials: Promote a living and working environment safe from exposure to hazardous materials.

Action Statements

- 2.4A.3a Maintain current information on the hazardous materials used in Sunnyvale businesses and their potential hazards to the community.
- 2.4A.3b Participate in future development of proposed state and local code changes in storage and handling methods for hazardous materials.
- 2.4A.3c Monitor the work of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Western Division (San Bruno), to ensure proper environmental clean-up of the Moffett Field land.
- 2.4A.3d Use the Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Management Plan as Sunnyvale's policy document and planning guide for planning off-site hazardous waste management facilities and all hazardous waste management programs within the City.

Policy 2.4A.4 Aviation: Make planning decisions that establish and/or maintain a safe mix of aviation and land use for the areas affected by Moffett Field.

Action Statements

- 2.4A.4a Oppose any effort to promote Moffett Field for civil/general aviation.
- 2.4A.4b Consider the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone in decisions concerning appropriate land use within the vicinity of Moffett Field.

Policy 2.4A.5 Essential Services: Maintain lifelines* in good operating condition to lessen damage and increase survivability after a major disaster.

* Lifelines are essential services necessary for the continued normal functioning of the community, e.g. water, gas, electricity, transportation and communication lines.

- 2.4A.5a Encourage the state and county to maintain and/or improve their over crossings to increase their ability to survive a major seismic event.
- 2.4A.5b Encourage Pacific Gas and Electric and Pacific Bell to assess, maintain and, if necessary, improve their facilities to increase their ability to survive a major seismic event.

- 2.4A.5c Study, evaluate and fund the improvements needed to the east pond levee at the Water Pollution Control Plant to increase its ability to survive a major earthquake.

Goal 2.4B Ensure that the City, its citizens, business and industry are prepared to effectively respond to major emergencies.

Policy 2.4B.1 Emergency Response Facilities: Maintain and construct City facilities utilized for emergency response so that they remain operable after a major seismic event.

Action Statements

2.4B.1a Inspect City owned facilities to ensure compliance with seismic safety/safety standards as needed. Fund capital projects when necessary to bring critical facilities to seismic standards.

2.4B.1b Construct new City facilities to meet or exceed seismic safety/safety standards so that they will remain operable after a major earthquake or disaster.

Policy 2.4B.2 Emergency Management Organization: Provide for the emergency management of the City in order to protect life and property in the event of a disaster.

Action Statements

2.4B.2a Provide annual training for those persons assigned to the Emergency Management Organization.

2.4B.2b Annually review the Emergency Management Organization chart, responsibilities and tasks so that it reflects sound emergency management principles.

2.4B.2c Maintain an Emergency Operations Center for direction and control of disaster response and recovery.

Policy 2.4B.3 Emergency Planning and Coordination: Provide an integrated approach to planning and preparedness for emergencies and disasters.

Action Statements

2.4B.3a Identify, assess and maintain data on hazards to the community.

2.4B.3b Maintain an Emergency Plan and update it as necessary.

2.4B.3c Identify and maintain communications and coordination with community resources that will provide assistance during emergencies.

2.4B.3d Coordinate planning and training with other agencies and jurisdictions to provide an effective and coordinated response to any emergency/disaster.

- 2.4B.3e Train employees and operational units in emergency preparedness and disaster response procedures appropriate to their job function.
- 2.4B.3f Maintain communication with and provide training exercises to improve coordination between City staff and private support organizations.
- 2.4B.3g Evaluate City resources and make recommendations for improving City self-reliance during emergencies.
- 2.4B.3h Provide assistance to residents and businesses in emergency preparedness.

Policy 2.4B.4 Schools: Provide information and assistance to public/private schools and day care centers to plan and prepare for emergencies and disasters.

Action Statements

- 2.4B.4a Assist schools and day care centers in emergency preparedness.
- 2.4B.4b Encourage private schools and day care centers not constructed under the Field Act to evaluate and improve their buildings for seismic safety.
- 2.4B.4c Assist in the development of emergency preparedness curriculum and training materials for schools and day care centers.

Policy 2.4B.5 Business and Industry: Provide information and assistance to business and industry to plan and prepare for emergencies and disasters.

Action Statements

- 2.4B.5a Provide available emergency preparedness information to businesses and industries that request assistance.
- 2.4B.5b Encourage business and industry to plan for recovery from catastrophic events.

Policy 2.4B.6 Community: Provide the citizens of Sunnyvale information, encouragement and assistance with emergency planning and preparedness.

Action Statements

- 2.4B.6a Provide citizens with information on self-help during and after a disaster.
- 2.4B.6b Provide speakers for emergency preparedness talks to interested citizens and community groups.
- 2.4B.6c Identify and coordinate community volunteers that wish to participate in planning, preparedness or response activities.

Policy 2.4B.7 Communications: Provide emergency radio communications for coordination of emergency response and the capability to communicate with outside agencies and citizens.

Action Statements

2.4B.7a Periodically review emergency radio capabilities to enhance survivability during a major disaster.

2.4B.7b Assist and encourage volunteer amateur radio operators to prepare for citizen band radio operations during a disaster or emergency.

Goal 2.4C Ensure that the City, its citizens, business and industry are prepared to recover from disasters.

Policy 2.4C.1 Provide for the continuation of City government and services following a major disaster.

2.4C.1a Maintain a thorough and current Emergency Plan that provides information for the continuation of City government immediately following a disaster.

2.4C.1b Plan for the recovery and resumption of all City operations after a disaster.

Policy 2.4C.2 Citizens and Business/Industry: Encourage citizens and business/industry to plan for recovery from disasters.

Action Statements

2.4C.2a Provide assistance to local businesses in planning for recovery and resumption of business after a disaster.

2.4C.2b Provide guidance to citizens on disaster recovery through brochures, talks and other public information methods.

2.4C.2c Encourage citizens/businesses to purchase earthquake or other catastrophic insurance coverage.

Community Design Sub-Element

Goals, Policies and Action Statements

This section of the Sub-Element contains the goals, policies and actions for guiding the design of future development on both public and private properties. The goals and policies capsulize the intent of the Community Design Sub-Element and provide direction for future decisions affecting the physical form of the City. The Action Statements reflect a more specific way to implement the goals and policies.

The goals, policies and action statements within the Community Design Sub-Element are based on the following assumptions:

1. Identity. Residents, business owners and visitors benefit from a defined and attractive image for the City as a whole and for Sunnyvale's unique districts and neighborhoods. A more clearly articulated image will create a more memorable place. This sense of place and identity is important to the well being of the community.
2. Legibility. A legible environment allows people to make sense of their surroundings. Legible environments require diversity where the various components have a clear and understandable meaning. Sunnyvale needs more distinguishing features to acknowledge and celebrate the unique districts and services comprising the City.
3. Comfort and Safety. Safety and comfort are basic to the welfare of the community. Roadways, buildings and site plans can be designed to promote safety and comfort. A safe and comfortable environment should be available for all types of transportation, including pedestrian and available to everyone in the community.
4. Integration. Projects, which are integrated with surrounding properties or districts improve the quality of life by reducing visual and functional conflicts. Integration of new construction has practical benefits and improves the appearance of the physical environment.
5. Enjoyment. People are attracted to environments where there are beautiful and enjoyable features. People need places, which are enjoyable and fun. Enjoyable environments are places designed to be responsive to people and human needs, rather than merely efficient. Well designed and attractive buildings and roadways, and outdoor places with appealing landscaping and artworks are essential to the enjoyment of the physical environment.
6. Community. Public places, which are owned and shared by everyone create a sense of belonging and identity for the community. Public places bring people together and promote mutual respect and civic pride.

City's Image

Goal 2.5A Promote Sunnyvale's image by maintaining, enhancing and creating physical features, which distinguish Sunnyvale from surrounding communities and by preserving historic buildings, special districts and residential neighborhoods which make the City unique.

Policy 2.5A.1 Identify the boundaries of the City with attractive and distinctive features.

Action Statements

2.5A.1a Encourage unique and uniform roadway landscaping and, where possible, median improvements to distinguish the City's boundaries.

2.5A.1b Continue to enhance the visibility, accessibility and use of the San Francisco Bay on the City's northern boundary.

2.5A.1c Consider studying ways to minimize the barrier impact of highways and expressways by developing design approaches, which relate these roadways to the rest of the community.

2.5A.1d Continue to develop a comprehensive gateway improvement program to select major gateways for improvements such as special landscaping, signage, visitor information centers, patterned pavement, monuments or artwork and unique private development standards.

2.5A.1e Consider installing new City of Sunnyvale monument signs at major gateways into Sunnyvale and developing a comprehensive sign program to identify major attractions within the City.

2.5A.1f Locate City of Sunnyvale signs in attractive surroundings and, whenever possible, in medians with distinctive landscaping.

2.5A.1g Encourage distinctive and attractive buildings and site design at major gateways into Sunnyvale.

2.5A.1h Maintain a compatible scale with the roadway when designing gateway improvements.

Policy 2.5A.2 Ensure that new development is compatible with the character of special districts and residential neighborhoods.

Action Statements

2.5A.2a Maintain design guidelines and policies for new construction in historic districts which define acceptable building styles, shapes, rooflines, colors, materials, fenestration and setbacks and develop new guidelines as needed.

2.5A.2b Continue to maintain and develop zoning standards, which preserve the quality of residential neighborhoods.

2.5A.2c Continue to encourage infill development or redevelopment which is compatible with the use, density, setbacks, height and, where possible, the predominant building style and size of the surrounding district or neighborhood.

2.5A.2d Continue to identify and adopt methods of preserving historic resources and special districts.

Policy 2.5A.3 Support measures, which enhance the identity of special districts and residential neighborhoods to create more variety in the physical environment.

Action Statements

2.5A.3a Encourage diversity and develop programs to emphasize the unique features of special districts and neighborhoods.

2.5A.3b Consider development of specific plans or design guidelines for the El Camino Real Commercial District and Mathilda Avenue corridor and study the feasibility of specific plans or guidelines for portions of Evelyn Avenue.

2.5A.3c Continue to preserve buildings with unique historic or architectural value.

2.5A.3d Protect historic landmarks by discouraging adjacent development, which hides or overwhelms their unique qualities.

2.5A.3e Encourage new landmarks and features to distinguish districts and neighborhoods.

2.5A.3f Strengthen the downtown as the visual as well as functional focus of Sunnyvale.

2.5A.3g Consider design features that help locate the downtown district and emphasize the roadways and intersections leading downtown.

2.5A.3h Encourage distinctive projects at major nodes, which have a coherent spatial relationship and create dynamic spaces at these intersections.

2.5A.3i Maintain existing programs and study new programs which promote the maintenance and quality of residential neighborhoods.

The View from the Road

Goal 2.5B Create an attractive street environment which will compliment private and public properties and be comfortable for residents and visitors.

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Policy 2.5B.1 Maintain and provide attractive landscaping in the public right-of-way to identify the different types of roadways and districts, make motorists more comfortable and improve the enjoyment of residential neighborhoods.

Action Statements

2.5B.1a Continue to maintain and provide landscaped medians on major thoroughfares where it is physically and financially feasible.

2.5B.1b Maintain and provide professionally designed medians with an interesting and attractive variety of ornamental, deciduous and evergreen trees and plants which are predominantly water-wise and drought resistant.

2.5B.1c Continue to design landscape medians for easy and safe maintenance.

2.5B.1d Encourage tree selection in the right-of-way, which is in scale with the type of roadway and emphasizes important gateways.

2.5B.1e Consider uniform and cohesive landscape themes for districts, major thoroughfares, City boundaries and neighborhoods.

2.5B.1f Continue to choose roadway trees based on the planting site micro climate, whether the tree species is disease and insect resistant, location of utility wires, size of the planting site, root system potential for sidewalk damage, pruning requirements and the appropriateness of the visual characteristics of the trees.

2.5B.1g Encourage trees, which do not obscure business signage in commercial districts.

2.5B.1h Continue to provide attractive canopy trees in residential districts.

2.5B.1i Investigate new varieties of trees for use in the City right-of-way.

2.5B.1j Continue to plant and maintain street trees along the public right-of-way and identify areas which require replanting or replacement trees.

Policy 2.5B.2 Provide a safe and comfortable system of pedestrian and bicycle pathways.

Action Statements

2.5B.2a Continue to maintain City sidewalks and study ways to prevent root damage.

2.5B.2b Consider studying alternatives or modifications to monolithic sidewalks to provide traffic buffers for pedestrians.

2.5B.2c Consider installing street trees next to the curb along major thoroughfares with significant pedestrian activity or in special areas, which would benefit from a unified landscape theme.

2.5B.2d Cooperate in regional efforts to establish a bay trail around San Francisco Bay.

2.5B.2e Consider installing benches on sidewalks where there are shady resting spots or scenic vistas.

Policy 2.5B.3 Minimize elements, which clutter the roadway and look unattractive.

Action Statements

2.5B.3a Maintain the requirements for undergrounding overhead utility wires.

2.5B.3b Maintain and develop programs to achieve more attractive private fencing facing the public right-of-way.

2.5B.3c Continue to work with County and State agencies to choose appropriate colors, textures and landscaping for sound walls on freeways and expressways.

2.5B.3d Encourage soundwall location and design, which emphasizes important gateways into Sunnyvale.

2.5B.3e Maintain a sign ordinance to assure that signage is attractive, compatible with the district and not distracting to motorists.

2.5B.3f Continue to ensure that signage is used to identify businesses rather than advertise them.

Private Development

Goal 2.5C Ensure that buildings and related site improvements for private development are well designed and compatible with surrounding properties and districts.

Policy 2.5C.1 Place a priority on quality architecture and site design which will enhance the image of Sunnyvale and create a vital and attractive environment for businesses, residents and visitors, and be reasonably balanced with the need for economic development to assure Sunnyvale's economic prosperity.

Action Statements

2.5C.1a Continue to improve the design review process by using design professionals on staff and developing design guidelines to direct developers and assist the

City in architectural and site review.

2.5C.1b Consider developing handout and summaries of design policies, guidelines and regulations to assist developers early in the project design process.

2.5C.1c Continue to insure that projects have amenities, which make them attractive and that these features are not sacrificed to maximize development potential.

Policy 2.5C.2 Review site plans to insure the design is compatible with the natural and surrounding built environment.

Action Statements

2.5C.2a Encourage site design, which preserves scenic vistas and maximizes solar orientation for heating and cooling.

2.5C.2b Continue to monitor and develop standards for the preservation of mature trees and landscaping and encourage the preservation of landscaping to be considered early in the site design.

2.5C.2c Continue to require that sites be designed so that the building locations, driveways, parking, exterior mechanical equipment, auxiliary structures and service access areas are attractive and compatible with adjoining properties and the public right-of-way.

2.5C.2d Continue to require that on-site lighting be energy efficient, unobtrusive and located to minimize off-site glare while providing adequate nighttime safety.

2.5C.2e Encourage site plans to be integrated with the adjoining road pattern and at important junctures, provide view corridors into the project or other interesting features which will engage people.

2.5C.2f Continue to review project design to insure minimum noise impacts to adjoining properties and reduce noise impacts from off-site sources, such as traffic.

2.5C.2g Consider studying areas where the street and building setback relationship could be improved.

2.5C.2h Encourage new construction to be compatible with the open space characteristics between buildings in districts or neighborhoods.

2.5C.2i Continue to require landscaped buffers on commercial or residential properties, which provide adequate protection for adjoining residential properties.

2.5C.2j Consider prohibiting wing walls or other blank, high walls on buildings in order to create attractive transition zones between buildings.

2.5C.2k Continue to require the screening of exterior mechanical equipment.

Policy 2.5C.3 Ensure that site design creates places, which are well organized, attractive, efficient and safe.

Action Statements

- 2.5C.3a Encourage sites to have obvious and easy to locate entries.
- 2.5C.3b Encourage site plans to have a legible organization including focal points and features which provide direction and clarity about the use of the site.
- 2.5C.3c Encourage multiple family residential projects to have differentiated outdoors spaces, including private entries, which provide individual identity, semi-private transitional spaces and common areas with unrestricted and easy access.
- 2.5C.3d Encourage integrated site plans which have clear boundaries, similar detailing for all the elements and a complementary relationship with the building.
- 2.5C.3e Encourage design elements, which are pleasant to the senses.
- 2.5C.3f Continue to require adequate, attractive, water-wise, drought tolerant and efficiently irrigated landscaping and routinely review landscape standards.
- 2.5C.3g Consider investigating innovative approaches to parking lot landscaping, which provide shade and vertical relief to large asphalt areas.
- 2.5C.3h Continue to require full perimeter landscaping around parking lots whenever possible.
- 2.5C.3i Encourage outdoor areas for relaxation or eating, which are protected from noise and traffic.
- 2.5C.3j Encourage sites to be designed with a sense of mystery so that the design is interesting and engaging.
- 2.5C.3k Continue to require visible and attractive artworks for new private development at gateways and on large commercial and industrial properties.
- 2.5C.3l Encourage reciprocal ingress-egress easements between commercial properties whenever feasible to minimize curb cuts, increase landscaping and improve vehicular safety.
- 2.5C.3m Continue to require site plans with good public visibility of entries, adequate nighttime lighting, safe on-site circulation systems and quick, unobstructed access routes for fire and police services.
- 2.5C.3n Continue to require sites plans to be easily navigated by people with handicaps and for some projects consider innovative features in excess of minimum state standards for handicap access.

Policy 2C.4 Encourage quality architectural design, which improves the City's identity, inspires creativity and heightens individual as well cultural identity.

Action Statements

- 2.5C.4a Encourage easily identified and attractive building entrances, which are oriented to the street.
- 2.5C.4b Consider eliminating floor area ratio restrictions on entrances, which enhance the architecture of the building and cannot be converted to work space.
- 2.5C.4c Require roof elements to wrap around the building so that the element looks integrated and not just pasted on.
- 2.5C.4d Encourage clear glass windows at the pedestrian level for commercial buildings to provide visibility of the activities inside stores and restaurants and visibility of pedestrian activity outside.
- 2.5C.4e Continue to require mechanical equipment to be fully screened and integrated with the architecture of the building.
- 2.5C.4f Encourage building windows to have a shape and spacing consistent with the building style.
- 2.5C.4g Encourage below grade parking to be unobtrusive and integrated with the building architecture by continuing the same materials and colors as the building, screening auto entrances from public view and using landscaping and berming to reestablish a natural relationship with the ground.
- 2.5C.4h Consider developing zoning ordinance standards for minimum depths of below grade parking and avoid at grade parking under buildings.
- 2.5C.4i Encourage buildings with two or more stories to have architectural elements, which create a pedestrian scale on the ground level, such as variations in the textures and materials, differentiated piers and columns, recessed entries and windows, awnings or offset planes.
- 2.5C.4j Avoid tall buildings, which create a tunnel effect and where necessary step the building back above the second level or stagger setbacks on the street.
- 2.5C.4k Encourage buildings to have interesting articulation on all sides through changes in the building plane and height and the addition of elements such as deeply recessed or bay windows, porticos or dormers, which create shadow and texture.
- 2.5C.4l Avoid blank walls on the ends of buildings facing the roadway and provide detail and articulation on these elevations.
- 2.5C.4m Encourage the spacing and size of doors and windows to have a rhythm compatible with the architectural style.
- 2.5C.4n Encourage buildings where each of the building elements, such as windows, roofs and walls, are in proportion with each other.
- 2.5C.4o Encourage high quality, durable materials for buildings, which create texture.
- 2.5C.4p Avoid piecemeal embellishment, frequent changes in materials or materials that are incompatible with the building style.

2.5C.4q Encourage exterior building materials to wrap around corners and any change in materials only to be made in locations where there is a change in the building plane or where a change in materials is effectively used to identify the base of the building.

2.5C.4r Review building colors in the context of the scale of the building and avoid strong colors, which may be overwhelming at larger scale.

2.5C.4s Encourage buildings where all of the design elements, such as colors, materials, style and ornamentation are unified and create cohesive, attractive and distinctive architecture.

Policy 2C.5 Ensure that buildings are appropriate to their context and designed to be compatible with surrounding properties and special districts.

Action Statements

2.5C.5a Encourage new construction to be consistent with the horizontal or vertical building orientation or building shape of special districts or streetscapes.

2.5C.5b Encourage roof styles, which are similar to surrounding buildings or unique districts.

2.5C.5c Avoid buildings, which do not have a similar scale or height as surrounding properties, except at gateways or for landmark structures.

2.5C.5d Consider studying floor area ratio limitations for residential and commercial districts.

2.5C.5e Avoid building colors, which are not compatible with adjoining properties or special districts.

2.5C.5f Encourage new construction to be designed so that it minimizes the impact on the privacy of adjoining residential properties.

2.5C.5g Avoid tall buildings, which substantially shade adjoining residential properties.

2.5C.5h Continue to require additional setbacks for new construction when necessary to preserve the light, air, views and privacy of adjoining residential properties.

Public Facilities

Goal 2.5D Provide public facilities which are accessible, attractive and add to the enjoyment of the physical environment.

Policy 2.5D.1 Ensure that Sunnyvale's public facilities are easily identified, accessible, attractive and representative of the community's values and aspirations.

Action Statements

- 2.5D.1a Consider implementing a comprehensive sign program for public facilities and City of Sunnyvale entry signs, which may include maps to show the location of City facilities.
- 2.5D.1b Establish a consistent design vocabulary for all public signage including fixture type, lettering, colors, symbols and logos.
- 2.5D.1c Consider providing for the use of well designed banners for City events, holidays and other special occasions.
- 2.5D.1d Consider implementing ways to increase the visibility of the Civic Center on Mathilda Avenue and El Camino Real and consider better identification for the Community Center along Remington Avenue.
- Policy 2.5D.2 Maintain beautiful and comfortable outdoor public places which provide a shared sense of ownership and belonging for Sunnyvale residents, business owners and visitors.

Action Statements

- 2.5D.2a Continue to provide public parks where people can enjoy nature, exercise, socialize and relax.
- 2.5D.2b Continue to provide courtyards and public plazas around City buildings and encourage at least one large plaza downtown.
- 2.5D.2c Encourage public courtyards and plazas to have comfortable, shady places to sit, protection from automobile noise and fumes, defined boundaries and, where appropriate, water elements and artworks.
- 2.5D.2d Choose water elements, such as fountains or water sculptures, which will look attractive when water is not available because of drought conditions.
- 2.5D.2e Continue to acquire public artworks, which contribute to the public identity of outdoor places and provide pleasure and enrichment for Sunnyvale residents.
- 2.5D.2g Encourage selection of public artworks, which have a broad appeal and capture the aspirations or social and cultural heritage of the community.
- 2.5D.2h Insure that some public artworks are meant for children and for touching and playing.
- 2.5D.2i Insure that the scale and subject of public art is appropriate to its location.
- 2.5D.2j Encourage some commercial activities in public plazas downtown.

2.5D.2k Continue to encourage pedestrian and commercial activity on the sidewalks of the historic 100 block of Murphy Avenue.

2.5D.2l Encourage new redevelopment downtown to be oriented to increase the visibility and use of the small courtyard on Washington Avenue by the parking structure.

2.5D.2m Support the parking assessment district downtown.

2.5D.2n Encourage below grade parking downtown and avoid parking structures, which hide important buildings and districts or block the view into the downtown from major roadways.

Policy 2.5D.3 Work with outside government agencies to achieve attractive public and quasi-public facilities consistent with the quality of development in Sunnyvale.

Action Statements

2.5D.3a Encourage adequate, attractive and legible signage for public and quasi-public facilities not owned by Sunnyvale.

2.5D.3b Cooperate with the Santa Clara Water District to develop programs to improve the appearance of flood control channels and drainage swales.

2.5D.3c Cooperate with the City and County of San Francisco on improvements to the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way to make better use of this large open space area.

2.5D.3d Encourage PG&E and Southern Pacific Railroad to improve the appearance of transmission line easements and the railroad lines.